



Call for Proposals on...

International Forum
Local Initiatives to the Global Crisis
Organised by
Deusto University SYLFF Fellows Association (DUSKE)
Bilbao, 10-12 December 2009

The Deusto University SYLFF Fellows Association (DUSKE) asks for feedback from those interested on participating in the International Forum Local Initiatives to the Global Crisis to be held in Bilbao (ES) on 10-12 December 2009.

Background:

Both local societies as well as the global village have been severely shaken by the so called 2008 International Financial Crisis. Ordinary citizens and families in virtually every country in the world are searching for ways to survive and keep on moving.

Reactivating the economy also requires recovering confidence at all social (human) dimensions; that is to say recovering civil society's confidence towards governments and political parties, civil society's confidence towards the financial system and, most importantly, confidence among the civil society itself. Individuals, consumers, citizens and foreigners that inhabit our streets and neighbourhoods need to trust each other and thus trust in the Humanity again.

Objectives:

Through the International Forum we wish to explore and look for concrete examples of how ordinary people in their everyday life basis are dealing and responding to the financial and social challenges posed by the global crisis.

We would like to adopt a Chinese perspective – as you might know in Chinese crisis means risk together with opportunity – and think about the initiatives and responses given to the international financial crisis by ordinary people who seek alternatives to deal with the crisis by trying to make their existence and by extension other people's more bearable.

Target group:

The conference extends the opportunity to young researchers and professionals to work and discuss about the local implications of the global crisis and ways to overcome it, or at least make it more bearable, through the presentation of any kind of innovative initiatives that have been already implemented, e.g. banks times. It should also be of interest to social services and organisations as well as the private sector and practitioners.



We are looking for committed and motivated people who wish to make a difference. We strongly encourage innovative, original and multi-disciplinary perspectives. Note that the working language of the conference will be English.

Methodology:

We are intending to fulfil a combined three methodology forum, which means classical lectures together with round discussion panels as well as partially structured informal discussions focusing mainly on the exchange of good practices and experiences. **We are thus looking for specific topics and presentations of about 20-30 minutes.** The forum will be conducted in English.

General Information:

Programme:

The programme will commence on Thursday, 10 December and finish on Saturday, 12 December.

Venue:

The forum will take place at the University of Deusto, Bilbao (ES)

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Working language:

The seminar will be conducted in English.

Fee: The participation fee is **€30**.

Registration: Kindly complete the registration form and send it **before 27th July 2009** to sylffduske@gmail.com

Confirmation: SYLFF DUSKE will fulfil a selection of the proposed topics of presentation on a quality as well as theme-adjustment basis and confirm around mid-September.